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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION ELEMENTS CONDEMN COMMUNIST ATTACK ON BMT

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1. MAR 13 ISSUE OF CHINH LUAN FRONT-PAGED ARTICLE CONCERNING TWO NATIONAL GROUP DEPUTIES, NGUYEN TRONG NHO AND NGUYEN TUAN ANH, WHO DENOUNCED THE COMMUNIST ATTACK ON BAN ME THUOT. THE DEPUTIES CONDEMNED THE COMMUNISTS FOR DESTROYING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE BLOODY ATTACK ON BMT USING TANKS AND INFANTRY "PROVES THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOT WORKING FOR RECONCILIATION. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY STILL ADVOCATE THE USE OF BLOODY VIOLENCE TO SUBJUGATE THE SOUTH."

2. THE TWO DEPUTIES, HOWEVER, ALSO REVEALED THEIR EXTREME DIS-SATISFACTION AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER THE INCOMPETENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEFENSE OF BMT.

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3. ON THE SAME DAY THE PEOPLE'S ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT (PACM) THROUGH LOWER HOUSE DEPUTY DUONG MINH KINH ALSO RELEASED A VIOLENT CRITICISM OF THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE. PACM ACCUSES THE COMMUNISTS OF "BLANTANTLY BETRAYING THE ASPIRATION OF THE PEOPLE FOR PEACE" AND SERIOUSLY VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH THEY THEMSELVES SIGNED. THEY HAVE PLUNGED THE NATION INTO DESTRUCTION AND MOURNING AND "THESE WARLIKE AND BLOOD THIRSTY ACTIONS BY THE COMMUNISTS SHOULD BE CONDEMNED BY THE PEOPLE AND HISTORY."

4. PACM JOINS THE VICTIMS OF THESE BATTLES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR MOURNING, EVEN GRIEVING "THE ABSURD DEATHS OF THE TROOPS AND CADRES OF THE OTHER SIDE WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO AN ILLOGICAL WAR FULL OF CRIME.

5. PACM "ENCOURAGES EVERY STRONG EFFORT OF SELF-DEFENSE OF THE MILITARY AND CIVILAIN POPULATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM DESIGNED TO FOIL THE ANNEXATION EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNISTS."

6. PACM, HOWEVER, ALSO CONDEMNS PRES THIEU CLAIMING THAT MILITARY REVERSES WERE RESULT OF "LOSS OF CONFIDENCE OF THE SOLDIERS AND THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE" BECAUSE OF CORRUPT POLICIES OF GOV'T.

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7. COMMENT: DEPUTIES NHO AND ANH ARE MEMBERS OF ANTI-COMMUNIST BUT RADICAL OPPOSITION NATIONAL GROUP WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH FR TRAN HUU THANH'S PACM. THIS IS THE FIRST REACTION BY THE RADICAL OPPOSITION ELEMENTS TO STEPPED UP NVA OFFENSIVE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS OTHER MEMBERS OF RADICAL OPPOSITION MAY FOLLOW THIS LEAD.

8. NEVERTHELESS THE INCLUSION OF STRONG CRITICISMS AGAINST PRESIDENT THIEU LARGELY ROBS THESE ATTACKS AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION OF MUCH OF THEIR VALUE AS A FACTOR FOSTERING POLITICAL UNITY IN PRESENT CRISIS AND INDICATES THE OPPOSITION INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW POLICY OF HARD CORE OPPOSITION TOWARDS PRESIDENT THIEU AT LEAST FOR PRESENT.

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